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The Florida Martyrs

Q & A with Patricia Cook and Cristina Logan

Q: Who are the Florida Martyrs?

A: Pat Cook

"The Martyrs of La Florida," also known as Antonio Inija and 57 companions, were Catholic missionaries and indigenous converts killed for their faith between 1549 and 1715 in the area then known as La Florida. Of the 58, only 17 were clergy or religious brothers from Franciscan, Dominican, and Jesuit orders. The Vatican's Dicastery for the Causes of Saints is currently examining evidence for the Canonization of these 58 individuals, including men, women, children, and one unborn child.

Q: Why are they considered for Canonization, and where do the Florida Martyrs fit into this process?

A: Pat Cook

The Martyrs are currently in the Catholic Church's formal cause for beatification and Canonization. King Philip V informed Pope Clement XI of the Apalachee Indians' martyrdom in 1704. In his account to the Pope, he recognized the heroic way they died for Jesus Christ: "in imitation of the glorious martyrs of the Church …they merit in their time the name and veneration of such martyrs."

Sadly, history largely failed to recognize them for centuries. The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee formally opened the cause for their Canonization on October 12, 2015. On February 14, 2022, the diocese filed documentation with the Vatican's Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, seeking formal recognition of their martyrdom. This is significant because martyrs need only one miracle to be canonized (instead of two). The Martyrs are currently considered "Servants of God" until their martyrdom receives canonical recognition. At that point, they will be considered "Blessed" until a verifiable miracle is attributed to their intercession.

Q: Why is martyrdom so important to our Roman Catholic Faith?

A: Pat Cook

Martyrdom is important because it means that someone loved God so much that they gave their life for him willingly. It is also at the heart of our faith because Catholic teaching states that God first loved us. Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Our life is centered around Christ's own Passion, and martyrdom is the most radical witness of following the example of Christ in laying down his own life for us

Next Week Q & A by Cristina Logan: Stay Tuned...



Come to the Feast!

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Iglesia Santa Fe

Celebrates its Patron Saint

~ St. Francis of Assisi ~

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 3 - 10:30am - St. Francis Terrace

Cantata to St. Francis

Sunday, October 4 - 4pm - Church

Special Mass in Honor of Saint Francis of Assisi

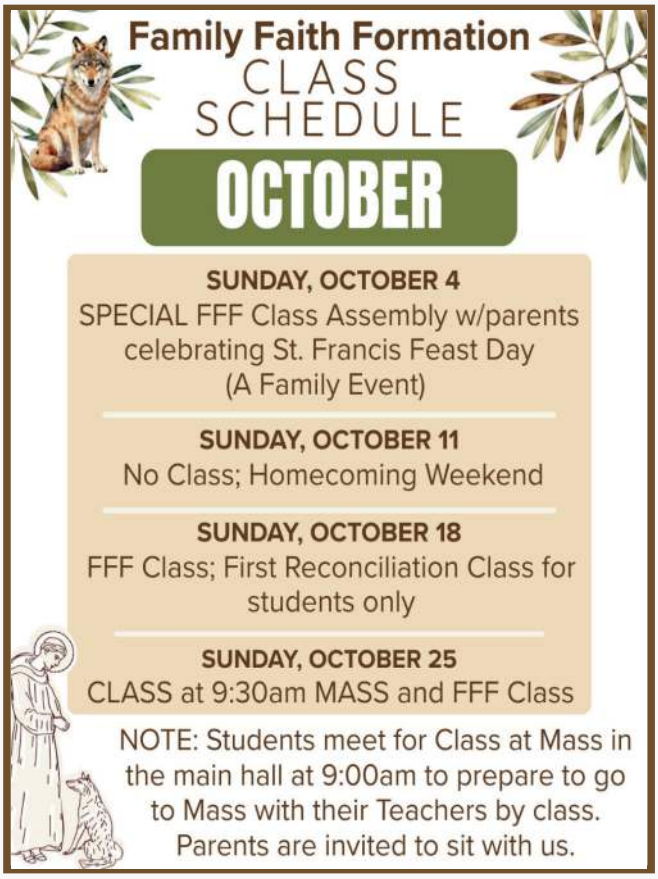
Sunday, October 4 - 6pm

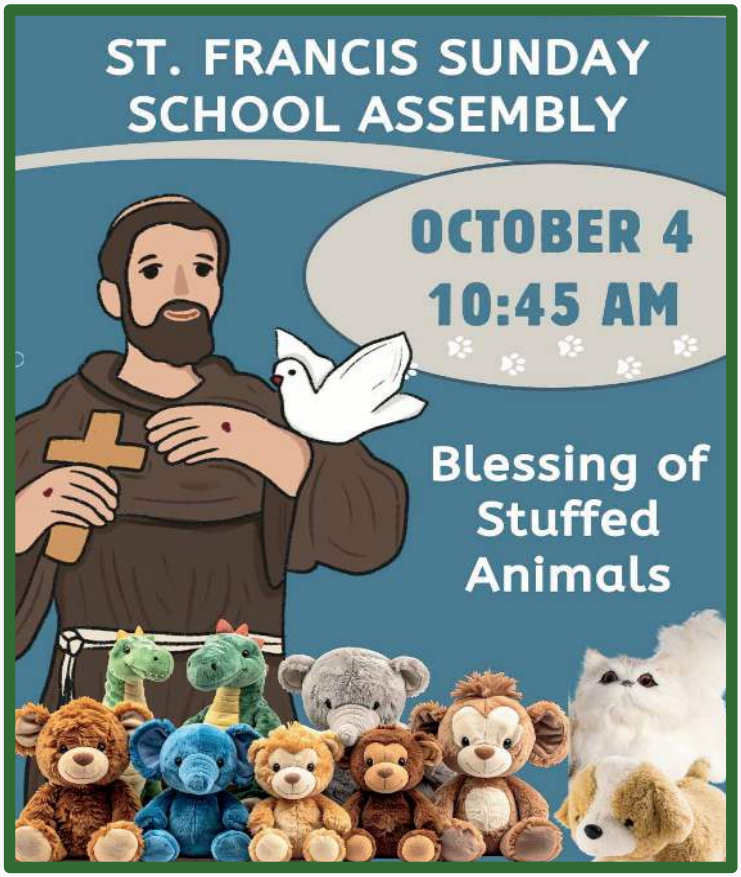
Main Celebrant:

Bishop Erik Pohlmeier

Reception after Mass in the Parish Life Center

All are Invited!

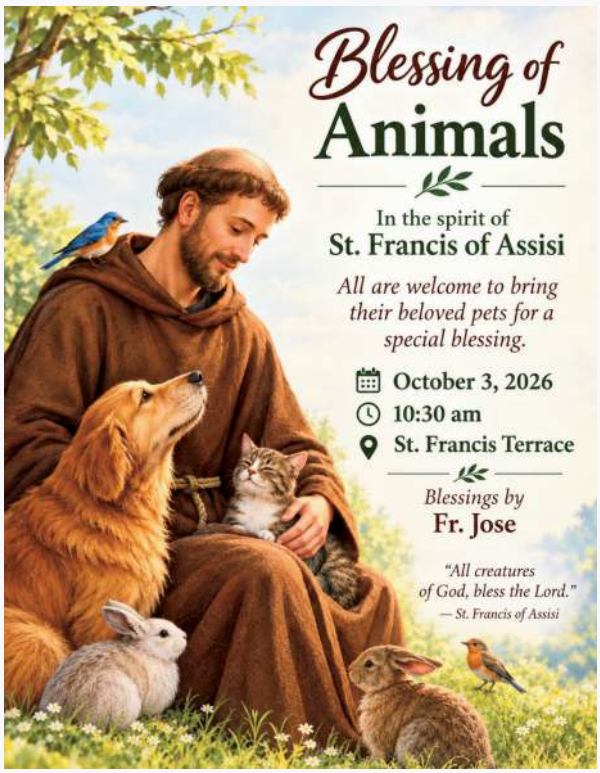




CYM CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Youth Group Meeting: September 20 (4-5:30pm)

All 8th thru 12 grade youth invited and bring a friend!



In the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, the Catholic Church provides a special blessing for animals. All pets (leashed, caged, boxed or bowled) welcomed. Photos of your pets can also be blessed. Come & Ask God's blessings for your pets

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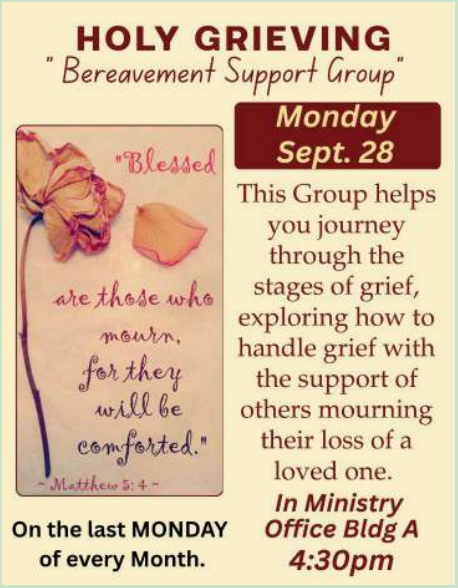
STAY CONNECTED THROUGH FLOCKNOTE

Reminder: Class at 9:30 Mass this Sunday September 27. Children should arrive to the main hall at 9am to prepare their giving envelopes. They will process to the church with their teachers by class. Parents are invited to sit with us also. The Children's Choir will sing at the Mass.

Parents: Please plan on joining your child(ren) for our St. Francis Day All Family Assembly on October 4 (10:45am-Noon). Activities will be for the whole family. Children should bring their stuffed animals for a special blessing by Father. Plan on staying and spending this special time with your children during this FFF Family Event.

PARISH INFORMATION: September 27 2026

See page 6 for Daily Mass Times, Rosary and Confession Schedule.







Come and Pray to Mary, our Blessed Mother in community. We invite all parishioners to join us in praying a special "Living Rosary", celebrating our unity in faith and the beautiful diversity of our parish family. Participants will pray the first part of the Hail Mary in their native language, making this a truly meaningful and international expression of our faith.



Celebration opportunity to honor long term marriages. Couples celebrating these special anniversaries in 2026 are invited to register: 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50/50+
Registration Link: https://form.jotform.com/Office_Family/anniversary-celebration-2026
Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 1pm
St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
1649 Kingsley Ave, Orange Park, FL



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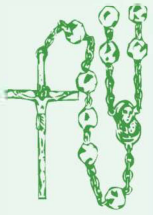
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LITURGY
FOR WEEK of September 27

Saturday, 5:00pm Vigil
Sunday 8am, *9:30am, 11:15am, 6pm
***9:30am Mass to be live-streamed**
Mon-Friday 7am & 9:30am Saturday
9:00am Morning Mass Saturday
Confessions: 9:30am-10:45am & 3pm-4:30pm



The Holy Rosary is prayed every Weekday at 9am in the Chapel.

All are invited to come and pray with us and Mother Mary.

Purpose of Our Prayer List:



Our parish prayer list is a sacred expression of our community's faith in God's healing power and loving providence. It allows us to lift up, together, those who are experiencing illness, hardship, grief, or special need, entrusting them to the mercy and care of the Lord. Lord, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish and for all those in need of our prayers: Adrianaliz N, AliceFaye W, Andrew M, Angela R, Angie E, Ann F, Barry C, Beverly C, Beverly M, Bill R,Cason B, Coralia G, Crystal V, Dale E, Dr. Daniel L, Davy J, Dennis S, Dielle F, Diane C, Don B, Donna L, Donovan B, Dorothy K, Dorothy S, Ed M, Baby Ethan H, Gail M, Gary B, Gary C, George S, German T, Ginger B, Greg W, Hope O, Jackson F, Janet S, Jean S, Jessica H, Jody & Bill T, John M, Jordan T, Judy B, June F, Kelly B, Kevin,Kip B, Larry S, Lee P, Logan S, Lou M, Maria L, Marian A, Mark G, Marlys H, Mary Ellen B, Mary H, Mary LT, Mary R, Matthew & Maria W, Michael T, S.H, Mike B, Mike C, Mike O, Millie R, Myriam Z, Nicolas W, Patricia E, Paul E, Randy B, Rick W, Robert J, Rose G, Sal L, Santiago P, Scott D, Steve P, Steve K, Sue W, Tim T, Tomas Z, Tricia M and Vickie S.

If you would like to add or remove a name from this list, or request continued prayers for someone who was listed in the past, please contact the parish office with your request, or email: bulletin@holyfaithchurch.org. Thank you for your keeping our community lifted up in prayer.

"Cast all your worries upon Him because He cares for you." — 1 Peter 5:7

Mass Intentions: September 27 to October 3 2026

SUNDAY , September 27
9:30am Mary Austin for God's Blessings, by Mike Horton
11:15am Myrna Aloma, RIP, by Bruce and Susan Martens
6:00pm Barbara Earp, RIP, by the Ramos Family

MONDAY , September 28
7:00am Sila Barquin, RIP, by the Lodeiro Family
9:30am Kathy Langer, Birthday Blessings by the Costello Family

TUESDAY , September 29
7:00am Wade Jones and Renee Jones, RIP, by Jeanne Robinson
9:30 AM Firmo Pesquera, RIP, by Zukoski Family

WEDNESDAY, September 30
7:00am Mary Kate Melnick, Birthday Blessings, by Diane Melnick
9:30am Diana Fitzgerald, RIP, by Diane Melnick

THURSDAY, October 1
7:00am Lucy Lodeiro, RIP , by the Lodeiro Family
9:30am Glenda's Friends, RIP, by Glenda Tobar

FRIDAY, October 2
7:00am Chloe and Kate Esprit, for Guidance and Protection, by Parents
9:30am Anthony and Katherine Rascati, RIP, by Rascati Family

SATURDAY, October 3
9:00am De Asis and Davocol Deceased Family Members, RIP, By the De Asis Family
5:00pm John and Linda Fuentes, 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings, by the Family

Let us pray for Curtis Beasley, scheduled to be executed on Tuesday, September 29 2026 at 6pm and for an end to the Death Penalty.

Let us also pray for those who are suffering the incarceration of their loved ones and friends.

READINGS as of Monday, Sept 28, 2026

Prayerfully invite Christ to come to you as you read the Scriptures. Begin with the sign of the Cross. Silently pray "May the Word of God be present in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart." Amen.

Monday: Job 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Job 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



In Memoriam, RIP

Elsie Mae Cichoracki
March 2 1939 - September 20 2026
May she rest in God's Eternal Peace

PARISH GIVING ... Thank you for your continuing support of our Ministries.

Weekly Contribution Goal	**$ 26,453**
Actual Offertory: August 23 2026	**$ 15,296**
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Stewardship A way of living

Stewardship is a Way of Life

Today's Scripture passages from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel and St. Matthew's Gospel teach us about the repentance of sin. Speaking through Ezekiel, God declares that everyone is responsible for their sins. Those who repent will save their lives. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims the parable of two sons who are asked by their father to work in the vineyard. The first son agrees to work, but then does not show up. The second son initially refuses but later repents and does the will of his father. As Christian stewards, we acknowledge our fallen nature and realize that sin blocks our relationship with Christ. In St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, he encourages humility and love in dealing with one another. God's healing mercy and forgiving grace is available for the contrite, repentant sinner through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Seek forgiveness and peace through this beautiful sacrament.

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The Catholic Foundation has partnered with FreeWill to offer this free and secure online estate planning tool to create a legal and binding will, or a plan to take to an attorney.

There are many benefits of having a will.

MAKING THESE ARRANGEMENTS NOW:

- supports, protects, and provides for your loved ones,
- communicates healthcare, financial, and funeral decisions, and
- sustains Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries for generations to come, if you choose to leave a gift in your will.

This resource may not be right for everyone, as each person's estate planning needs vary. However, this tool can be an important first step in preparing for your and your family's futures.



Care For Your Family & Parish Without Changing Your Will

Complete a beneficiary change form to include your family & church as beneficiaries of your retirement & bank accounts & life insurance policies.

For help contact Kelly C. Wood, 904-208-6931, kwood@dosafl.com.

It's free and can be changed anytime!

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